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SUBJECT: ANGOLAN PREMIER VISITS YUGOSLAVIA

1. DURING OFFICIAL VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA JULY 18-21,  
ANGOLAN PREMIER LOPO DO NASCIMENTO HELD TALKS WITH TITO,  
FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL PRESIDENT BIJEDIC, LCY SECRETARY  
FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ALEKSANDAR GRICKOV AND OTHER  
YUGOSLAV OFFICIALS ON HOST OF BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL

ISSUES. THOUGH SUBSTANCE OF TALKS FOR MOST PART SWAMPED  
IN MEDIA COVERAGE BY SEA OF RHETORIC ON NON-ALIGNMENT,  
CONTINUING STRUGGLE OF AFRICAN "LIBERATION" MOVEMENTS AND  
"TRADITIONAL" YUGOSLAV-ANGOLAN TIES, IT APPEARS PRIMARY  
FOCUS OF VISIT WAS ANGOLA'S APPEAL FOR WIDE RANGE OF  
ASSISTANCE IN AREAS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO ITS EMBRYONIC  
AND SHATTERED ECONOMY. SCRANTON/MOSJOV-MINIC TALKS  
PROVIDED LIMITED OPPORTUNITY FOR SOUNDING OUT YUGOSLAVS  
ON NASCIMENTO VISIT AND CURRENT POLITICAL/ECONOMIC  
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SITUATION IN ANGOLA.

2. FSFA ASSISTANT SECRETARY OSTOJIC (AFRICAN AND LATIN AMERICAN AFFAIRS) TOLD COUNSELOR DURING SCRANTON VISIT THAT NASCIMENTO DELEGATION HAD BEEN PRINCIPALLY INTERESTED IN SECURING YUGOSLAV ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE. ON CURRENT STATE OF ANGOLAN ECONOMY, OSTOJIC SAID ANGOLANS HAD TOLD THEM THAT THE SITUATION WITH REGARD TO OIL PRODUCTION IS CURRENTLY "GOOD" AND THAT IN CABINDA REGION, WITH THE AID OF GULF OIL, PRODUCTION IS NEARLY BACK TO PRE-CONFLICT LEVEL. HE MENTIONED ANGOLANS' CLAIM THAT OUTLOOK FOR COFFEE CROP IS FAVORABLE AND THAT DIAMOND PRODUCTION IS ALSO UP.

3. ALTHOUGH CONTINUED CUBAN MILITARY PRESENCE IN ANGOLA WAS UNDOUBTEDLY DISCUSSED AT SOME LENGTH DURING NASCIMENTO VISIT, ONLY INDICATION WE HAVE THUS FAR OF TONE OR CONTENT OF TALKS ON THIS SUBJECT IS OSTOJIC'S ASSERTION THAT "THEY (CUBAN TROOPS) ARE GETTING OUT". WHEN QUESTIONED MORE CLOSELY AS TO TIMETABLE FOR TROOP WITHDRAWALS, OSTOJIC AVOIDED DIRECT ANSWER BUT SAID THAT WHAT ANGOLANS FEARED IN THIS REGARD WAS A "U.S. (\*) MILITARY BASE IN ZAIRE". HE SPECIFICALLY DENIED THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE ASKED FOR OR WOULD BE PERMITTED ANY BASES OR MILITARY FACILITIES IN ANGOLA.

4. IN RESPONDING TO TOAST OFFERED BY BIJEDIC AT LUNCHEON LATTER HOSTED FOR ANGOLAN DELEGATION, NASCIMENTO SPOKE OF "THE DEFEAT SUFFERED BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN INTERVENTIONISTS AND THEIR LACKEYS IN ANGOLA (AND) THE HISTORIC TRIAL OF THE CRIMINAL MERCENARIES". HE ARGUED THAT "A HUMILIATED IMPERIALISM HAS CHANGED ITS TACTICS AND LAUNCHED A BROAD CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA". HE ALLEGED THAT THIS "CAMPAIGN" INCLUDED THE USE OF "TERRORIST GROUPS ALONG ANGOLA'S NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN FRONTIERS" AND A "DIPLOMATIC OFFENSIVE" AGAINST ANGOLA. YUGOSLAVS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS DURING VISIT REAFFIRMED THEIR SUPPORT FOR ANGOLA'S ADMITTANCE TO THE UN.

5. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS THE NASCIMENTO-GRILICKOV TALKS RESULTED IN AN EXPRESSION OF THE LEADERS' DESIRE "TO  
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ENHANCE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE LEAGUE OF COMMUNISTS, THE SOCIALIST ALLIANCE AND THE MPLA".

6. CONSPICUOUSLY OMITTED FROM JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT CONCLUSION OF THE VISIT WAS ANY MENTION OF THE KEY WORD "HEGEMONISM" IN ITS LITANY OF THE ENEMIES OF NON-ALIGNMENT (I.E., "IMPERIALISM, COLONIALISM, NEO-COLONIALISM, RACISM, APARTHEID AND ALL FORMS OF FOREIGN DOMINATION"). ALSO

OMITTED WAS YUGOSLAVIA'S FREQUENTLY ARTICULATED THREE-POINT APPROACH TO ACHIEVEMENT OF PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. WHILE COMMUNIQUE LISTED NECESSITY FOR ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND RECOGNITION OF PALESTINIANS' RIGHTS, INCLUDING THEIR RIGHT TO A STATE, IT DID NOT LIST THE NEED FOR RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO EXIST.

7. TANJUG CORRESPONDENT WAS COVERED ANGOLA DURING 1975 TOLD POLCOUNS YUGOSLAVS SERIOUSLY CONCERNED NETO/ALVES ANGOLA MIGHT BECOME ANOTHER PRO-SOVIET TROJAN HORSE INSIDE NON-ALIGNED A LA CUBANS-VIETNAMESE. HE ALSO SAID GOY STILL DOES NOT FULLY APPRECIATE IMPOSSIBILITY OF STABLE SITUATION IN ANGOLA UNTIL OTHER TWO MAJOR TRIBES REPRESENTED BY FNLA AND UNITA ALLOWED A ROLE.

8. A PROTOCOL FOR THE EXPANSION OF YUGOSLAV/ANGOLAN ECONOMIC COOPERATION WAS SIGNED PRIOR TO NASCIMENTO'S DEPARTURE JULY 21. PRESS REPORTS THAT SPECIFIC FIELDS FOR FUTURE COLLABORATION INCLUDE AIR, ROAD AND SEA TRANSPORTATION, AGRICULTURE, CONSTRUCTION AND FINANCE. AN AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED JULY 23 BY YUGOSLAV CIVIL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION DIRECTOR AND ANGOLAN SECRETARY OF COMMUNICATIONS (WHO WAS AMONG PART OF ANGOLAN DELEGATION REMAINING IN YUGOSLAVIA FOR CONTINUING TALKS FOLLOWING NASCIMENTO'S DEPARTURE). IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS AGREEMENT JAT WILL REPORTEDLY COOPERATE WITH "ANGOLAN AIRWAYS COMPANY, TAAG" ON TRANSPORTATION OF GOODS AND PASSENGERS. IN EARLY AUGUST THE YUGOSLAV SHIPPING ENTERPRISE SPLOSNA PLOVDA WILL SEND EXPERTS TO LUANDA TO HELP SET UP AN ANGOLAN SHIPPING ORGANIZATION.

9. THE TALKS ALSO INCLUDED POSSIBLE CONSTRUCTION BY  
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YUGOSLAV ENTERPRISES OF ROADS, BRIDGES AND HOUSING. IN THE AGRICULTURAL FIELD YUGOSLAVIA AGREED TO SEND DAIRY AND MAIZE EXPERTS TO ANGOLA. TECHNICAL AND BANKING COOPERATION AND TETS FOR POSSIBLE YUGOSLAV CREDITS WERE

ALSO DISCUSSED. IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT ANGOLA WILL SEND AN ECONOMIC DELEGATION TO YUGOSLAVIA IN THE NEAR FUTURE, PREPARATORY TO SETTING UP A MIXED COMMITTEE FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION.  
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